

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Fixing device (1) for a cover (7) of a ~~drainage channel, road or yard gully or similar~~ surface drainage devices, comprising
said cover and being placed on an upper rim (6) of a channel body, runoff box or similar a body (2) adapted to that can be embedded in the ground and defining an upper rim on which said cover can be placed, with
first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) provided on said the cover (7) and second fixing elements (20a-20f) provided on said the body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground, such that the first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and the second fixing elements (20a-20f) can be brought into snapping engagement with one another to lock retain the said cover (7) on the to said~~ body (2), and characterized in that
at least one of said the first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and/or the said second fixing elements (20a-20f) ~~each comprise~~ comprising at least one damping section (16, 26) ~~with defining a contact surface (11, 21) between said the~~ cover (7) and said the body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground, so such that when said cover is locked to said body said in position the~~ cover (7) is spaced apart from said the upper rim (6) of the said body (2).
2. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said second fixing elements each comprise at least one ~~characterized in that the said~~ damping section (26) ~~at each of the second fixing elements (20a-20f) that~~ is constructed as a first protrusion (27) with reference to the level of said the upper rim (6), such that said first the protrusion (27) extends in a direction perpendicular to a the long direction of said the upper rim (6).

3. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said first fixing elements each comprise at least one said ~~or 2, characterized in that the~~ damping section (26) ~~at each of the first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) that~~ is constructed as a second protrusion (17) with reference to the level of a surface of said ~~the~~ cover (7) that faces toward said ~~the~~ body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground, such that said second the~~ protrusion (17) extends in a direction perpendicular to a ~~the~~ long direction of said ~~the~~ cover (7).
4. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and said ~~the~~ second fixing elements (20a-20f) are each formed so as to be captive respectively within said ~~the~~ body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground or and on~~ said ~~the~~ cover (7), ~~respectively, in such a way that they cannot be lost.~~
5. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and said ~~the~~ second fixing elements (20a-20f) are constructed so as to be substantially complementary to one another.
6. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) are constructed as peg-like fixing elements.
7. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 6, wherein said ~~characterized in that the~~ peg-shaped fixing elements each comprise at least one lug-like projection (12).
8. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ second fixing elements (20a-20f) each define ~~comprise~~ a cavity (23) adapted to receive said ~~the~~ first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f).

9. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the said first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and/or ~~the~~ said the second fixing elements (20a-20f) are elastically deformable.
10. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the said first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) and/or said the second fixing elements (20a-20f) are made of at least one of a spring steel and/or an elastomer.
11. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the second fixing elements (20a-20f) each comprise at least one lug-like projection (22).
12. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 11, wherein characterized in that a first said lug-like projection (22) is disposed so as to form a clamp with respect to a second said lug-like projection (22').
13. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 11, wherein said one of the claims 11 or 12, characterized in that the at least one lug-like projection (22) extends in a direction parallel to a the long direction of the body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground.~~
14. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 11, wherein said one of the claims 11 or 12, characterized in that the at least one lug-like projection (22) extends perpendicular to ~~the~~ a long direction of the body (2) ~~embeddable in the ground.~~

15. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) each have a flat shape.
16. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 8, wherein one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a height (H) of the said first fixing element (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) perpendicular to a the long direction of said the body (2) embeddable in the ground is dimensioned such that, when said the cover (7) is locked to said body, said set into place the first fixing element (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) bears against a floor defined by said of the cavity (23) of said the second fixing element (20a-20f) and said the locked cover (7) is spaced apart from said the upper rim (6) of said the body (2) embeddable in the ground.
17. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said body defines opposing walls and said one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the second fixing elements (20a-20f) are each disposed in said opposite walls of the body (2), preferably directly opposite to one another.
18. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said body defines opposing walls and said one of the claims 1 to 16, characterized in that the second fixing elements (20a-20f) are each disposed in said the opposite walls of the body (2) so as to be offset from one another.
19. (Currently Amended) Fixing device according to Claim 1, wherein said one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the second fixing elements (20a-20f) each define comprise at least one opening (24) directed toward a middle of said the body in order, so that any contaminants that may have entered said the second fixing elements are (20a-20f) can be ejected into said the body (2) during insertion of said the first fixing elements (10a, 10b, 10d-10f) therein.